

Page 8, line 8, change "thereof" to --therefrom--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 to 15 inclusive without prejudice to the subject matter involved and insert in their stead the following new claims:

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--16. A collagen preparation for the controlled release of active substance which comprises at least one active substance and mixtures of acid-insoluble collagen-fractions with different molecular weight distributions obtained by alkaline decomposition.

17. A collagen preparation according to claim 16, wherein the collagen preparation comprises ^{apportionment of} different active substances.

18. A collagen preparation according to claim 16, comprising ^{an} ~~at least one~~ adjuvant selected from the group consisting of viscosity regulators, binders, humectants, softening agents, penetration enhancers, preservatives, disinfectants, pH-regulators, antioxidants, active substance stabilizers, oils, fats, waxes, emulsion stabilizers, odorous substances, dyes ~~and~~ ^{and mixtures thereof} inert fillers.

19. A collagen preparation according to claim 16, wherein the insoluble collagen is telopeptide-free, native, uncross-linked Type-1-collagen.

20. A collagen preparation according to claim 19, wherein the insoluble collagen is a product obtained from calfskin by alkaline decomposition.

21. A collagen preparation according to claim 16, in the form of powders, dusts, microparticles, fibers, flakes, foams, sponges, needles, ~~small~~ rods, tablets, gels, creams, single-layer films, or laminates.

22. A collagen preparation according to claim 21, which comprises a combination of different forms ^{of the collagen} in order to obtain a desired kinetics of active substance release.

23. A collagen preparation according to claim 16, which is bioadhesive.

24. A process for the preparation of a collagen preparation according to claim 16, which comprises combining at least one active substance with ^{a mixture} ~~mixtures~~ of acid-insoluble collagen-fractions and subjecting such combination to spray drying, freeze-drying, coating or casting with subsequent drying, phase separation and coacervation processes, compression, or filling into containers.

25. A process according to claim 24, wherein the active substance release is ~~influenced and~~ controlled by the mixing ratio of acid-insoluble collagens having different ^{mean} molecular ^{to weights} ~~weight distributions~~.

26. A process according to claim 24, wherein the active substance release is controlled by dissolution or swelling and subsequent erosion of the collagen preparation.

27. A process according to claim 24, wherein the active substance release is controlled by the biodegradation of the collagen preparation.

28. A method for the treatment of a wound which comprises applying to the wound a collagen preparation as defined in claim 16.

29. A method for the use of a collagen preparation as defined in claim 16, which comprises applying said collagen preparation to intact skin.

30. A method for the use of a collagen preparation as defined in claim 16, which comprises implanting or injecting said collagen preparation into a living organism.--

REMARKS

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.